

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 through 14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of delivering sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;

transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from said first location to an earpiece each worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to operate under said first transmission protocol and

collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within said fixed space;

transmitting, under a second transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from said second location to [[an]] said earpiece worn by said at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space and at a distance from said first location; and,

wherein the step of receiving said audio signal with said earpiece comprises receiving said audio signal with said earpiece, wherein said earpiece is configured to

selectably operate under said first transmission protocol or said second transmission protocol, thereby permitting an operator of said ear piece to select one of said first or second location within said fixed space that operator would like to listen to.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting business by deriving revenue from distributing sound to a plurality of individuals within a fixed space, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a transmission protocol to an event occurring within the fixed space, wherein said transmission protocol is not used for subsequent events occurring within said fixed space;

collecting an audio signal generated at a first location within the fixed space;

transmitting, under said transmission protocol, said audio signal to an earpiece each worn by at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space; and

collecting an audio signal generated at a second location within a fixed space; and

transmitting, under a second transmission protocol, said audio signal collected from said second location to ~~[[an]]~~ said earpiece worn by said at least one of said plurality of individuals within said fixed space~~[[;]]~~.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises the exchange of money for said earpiece.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein deriving revenue from distribution of said earpiece comprises selling advertising time scheduled during intervals of transmission.

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